

Public Notice (Notice of Rulemaking)

Pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated § 25-15-201 *et seq.* notice is hereby given that the Department of Labor and Licensing, Arkansas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board is considering changes to its rules. The proposed rule changes include the following subjects: Revision to the qualifying and continuing education including clarification of the requirements for asynchronous, synchronous, and hybrid educational offerings, allows remote proctoring of qualifying education exams, and allows full or partial experience hours credit upon successful completion of an approved Practical Applications of Real Estate Appraisal (PAREA) course. We propose amending our Military Veterans Rules by updating terminology, allowing for automatic credentialing, and clarification of continuing education requirements. We propose adding a section to comply with the Workforce Expansion Act of 2021 allowing for the waiver of the initial credential fee if specific qualifications are met; the proposal also requires the applicant to provide the necessary documentation, and the applicant must attest that the documentation is a true and correct copy. We propose adding a section to comply with Act 746 of 2021 indicating that the Board shall grant a credential to an applicant who fulfills the Arkansas requirements for an appraiser credential and holds a Federal Form I-766. We proposed amending our Background Check rules to remove permanently disqualifying offenses and allowing the Board to waive the disqualification of a potential applicant. And, style and grammar changes.

These proposed rule changes will be available for public review at www.arkansas.gov/alcb. Or, they are available at the office of the Department of Labor and Licensing, Arkansas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board at 900 West Capitol Avenue, Suite 400, Little Rock, AR 72201 during regular business hours (8:00 am to 4:30 pm) from March 14, 2022, through April 15, 2022. The public comment period ends on April 15, 2022.

Comments may be mailed to the Board's Office at 900 West Capitol Avenue, Suite 400, Little Rock, AR 72201, or emailed to diana.piechocki@arkansas.gov. If you would like to make oral public comments, please call our office at 501-296-1843.

A Public Hearing will be held at the Board's Office at 900 West Capitol Avenue, Suite 400, Little Rock, AR 72201, on Wednesday, April 6, 2022, at 9:00 am.